



## 1Thessalonians 5:13-15 Rise and Shine

*13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.*

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### **From the Pastor's Office**

I am thankful for all of your prayers for recovery from Covid and Covid pneumonia. I am also thankful for the doctors and nurses that gave me good care including during staff shortages. My first day in the hospital ER, due to staff shortages, I had to remain in the ER all day even though I was technically admitted to the hospital-but I was glad to have a bed available (in the ER) if I needed it (I couldn't sleep anyway). Susan and I travelled to Glencoe, MN so I could receive the antibody treatment, which was very helpful, and I benefitted from intravenous Steroid treatment in the ER for the Covid pneumonia, which was also very helpful.

We were looking at Isaiah 42 and 43:1-7 in recent messages. Israel failed to hear and see God's message of returning to Him and went by their own ways so His anger was manifested in fires-somewhat similar to today. In spite of that rebellion against His word and Himself in chapter 43 He forgives them and claims them as belonging to Himself-"You are Mine" the Lord declares, "I know you by name". He walks with us no matter what situation we are in: (Isaiah 43:2) "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you."

Know that the Lord Jesus knows your name and whatever circumstance you find yourself in He is there with you.

Please remember the Annual Meeting and to pray for the Call Committee as they go about the task given to them.

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# January at PLC

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## Celebrate Our Congregation

### January Birthdays:

Kevin	Wempen	1/4
Avery	O'Neill	1/11
Amy	Caviness	1/11
Audrey	Krutzig	1/12
Martha	Koski	1/13
Bette	Hietala	1/20
Reuben	Aho	1/21
Lloyd	Walters	1/23

### January Anniversaries:

## Save The Date

**The Annual Meeting** of the Plymouth Lutheran Church is set for **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm**



All members are urged to attend.

### Sundays:

- 2** **10:30am** Worship service  
also via YouTube & FB live  
**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship  
**11:30am** Nominations Meeting
- 9, 16, 23, 30** **9:15am** Sunday School/Bible study  
**10:30am** Worship service  
also via YouTube & FB live  
**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 9** **12:15pm** Movie Afternoon
- 16** **10:30am** Worship service with Communion
- 23** **11:40am** Abbreviated Communion

### Tuesdays:

- 11** **5:45pm** Mission Committee meeting  
**6:30pm** Board of Trustees meeting

### Wednesdays:

- 5** **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Breakfast @ Perkins HWY 55 & 494  
**6:30pm** Bible Study @ the church
- 12, 19, 26** **9:30am** Women's Bible Study  
**6:30pm** Bible Study @ the church  
"What Jesus Demands from the World"

### Saturdays:

- 15** **9:30am** Ladies Saturday Bible Study  
**22** **ANNUAL MEETING**



## *What is Epiphany? Why is it Significant?*

In Christianity, the Epiphany refers to a realization that Christ is the son of God. Western churches generally celebrate the Visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Traditionally, Eastern churches celebrated Epiphany (or Theophany) in conjunction with Christ's baptism by John the Baptist and celebrated it on January 19; however, many have begun to adopt the Western custom of celebrating it on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. Protestant churches often celebrate Epiphany as a season, extending from the last day of Christmas until Ash Wednesday.



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## **Epiphany 2022 meaning: What the Christian feast day means and when the Twelfth Night holiday falls**

<https://inews.co.uk/news/epiphany-2022-meaning-what-mean-christian-feast-day-twelfth-night-holiday-date-1382655>

By **Sam Tabahriti**

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In the UK, like other countries, people tend to keep their Christmas decorations up until Twelfth Night, which falls alongside the Christian holiday of Epiphany.

This celebration – the first major event of the Christian year – is of great significance to many worshippers, and marks a crucial point in the Christmas story.

Here's everything you need to know about the Epiphany and how it's commemorated.

### **What is epiphany?**

Epiphany, which means “appearance” or “manifestation” in Greek, is a celebration of when the three wise men followed a star to visit the son of God. It is considered the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

In some countries, it is a day as important as Christmas Day itself as it is a special moment in the story of Jesus' birth.

Epiphany is known as Theophany under the Eastern Orthodox tradition, where both the birth and baptism of Jesus are celebrated at Christmas.

Historically, it was used to mark both the Three King's visit and the Baptist of Jesus in the River Jordan.

According to the Bible and to the Gospel of Matthew, the three wise men called Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar were drawn across the desert to meet the baby Jesus by the star of Bethlehem, and came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

How Epiphany is celebrated varies depending on cultural beliefs and traditions, but in many countries it is a time to eat well and put away your Christmas decorations.

In France, people celebrate Le Jour des Rois, The Day of Kings, and children and adults enjoy *la galette des Rois* – or cake of kings. A tradition where the youngest of the family will go under the table and attribute each slice to someone randomly.

In Spain and other Latin American states, the holiday is marked with parades and another day off work.

In the Eastern Orthodox Christian religion, Christmas is celebrated on the date of Epiphany, with that holiday marked on 19 January.

